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18 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 March 1968

DD/I drew attention to the cable from Lehman reporting on the first stages of the post-mortem team's TDY to Vietnam.

DD/I noted OER's comments on the weekend's agreements in connection with the gold flow, which are designed to end the wild trading in gold and to give the U. S. breathing space in which to put its financial house in order.

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Godfrey called attention to reports that an early morning NVA attack on Khe Sanh was repulsed by South Vietnamese Rangers.

D/ONE noted that a first draft of the Vietnamese Estimate is ready but that DIA has passed along five questions from the JCS, the answers to which would require the kind of coverage provided in NIE 14-3.

DD/S, while noting that campus recruitment is proceeding largely without incident, reported that today's interviews in Milwaukee were canceled because of the threat of an organized protest from University of Wisconsin students.

Carver drew attention to a cable from Saigon commenting on the Thieu-Ky relationship.

Warner advised that appointments have been arranged for today for the Director to visit Congressman Rivers at 1345 and Congressman Mahon at 1415.

Bross reported that Joe Carroll is again in the hospital.

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DD/S&T reported that Friday's U-2 flight over South China was 60 percent cloud-free and that the Chinese scrambled some ten fighters against the flight.

DD/S&T noted that the SR-71's have not yet flown because of weather.

DD/S&T and Bross reported that the Executive Committee meeting to treat the disposition of the OXCARTs has not yet been scheduled but that efforts to hold such a meeting before mid-April are going forward.

DD/S&T drew attention to an article in the 13 March Aerospace Daily which discusses the relative merits of the MOL versus the Earth Resources Program.

DD/S&T noted that there are preliminary indications of a possible Soviet manned earth space shot in addition to the evidence of a forthcoming circumlunar launch.

DD/S&T pointed to additional indications that Zond-4's re-entry was a failure.



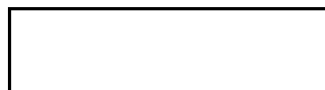
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DD/P reported that State has asked CIA to participate in the writing of a paper on Thailand and Laos treating contingencies to be contemplated in connection with increased military threats to those countries.

The Director indicated Walt Rostow has asked that a review be conducted of the enemy order of battle in Vietnam with particular reference to MACV's assertion that the VC and NVA have been weakened. DD/I advised that [ ] has begun work with the DIA analysts on this matter.

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The Director initiated a canvass for appropriate anecdotes for inclusion in his remarks at the Allen Dulles plaque ceremony and requested that such anecdotes and other suggestions be sent to him through the Executive Director.



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